

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for the decorative coloration of a ~~derived~~ timber product selected from the group consisting of MDF, HDF and chipboard, comprising applying a liquid colorant preparation that comprises at least one pigment and, based on the pigment, from 0.5% to 10% by weight of at least one dye to the ~~derived-timber~~ product.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation comprises

- (A) at least one pigment,
- (B) at least one dye,
- (C) at least one dispersant,
- (D) water or a mixture of water and at least one water retainer, and
- (E) optionally further customary constituents for colorant preparations.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein component (B) of the preparation comprises at least one anionic or cationic dye.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein component (C) of the preparation comprises at least one nonionic surface-active additive, at least one anionic surface-active additive or a mixture thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2, wherein the water retainer of the preparation comprises a high-boiling organic solvent that is soluble in or miscible with water.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation comprises

from 10% to 70% by weight of component (A),
from 0.05% to 7% by weight of component (B),
from 1% to 50% by weight of component (C),
from 10% to 88.95% by weight of component (D), and
from 0% to 5% by weight of further customary constituents for colorant preparations,
each percentage being based on the total weight of the preparation.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method for producing colored board that is multicolored in layers or marbled comprising utilizing the method of claim [[7]] 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method for producing electroconductive black board comprising utilizing the method of claim [[7]] 1.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claims 11 (Previously Presented): An article produced by the method as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The article as claimed in claim 11 wherein said article is ~~MDF, HDF, chipboard,~~ colored board or electroconductive black board.